

FRENCH COMTESSE DIES AT HOSPITAL

Daughter of Distinguished English and Confederate Officer Passes Away Here.

OF ANCIENT FRENCH FAMILY

Confederate Organizations Will Attend Funeral of Comtesse Eugenie De Lorraine.

Comtesse Clara Eugenie de Lorraine, better known in this country as Miss Devonport-Roby, the only child of Captain John Devonport, of the British and Confederate armies, and of Comtesse Julie de Lorraine, died at the Retreat for the Sick yesterday morning at 9:15 o'clock. She was a lineal descendant of the ancient house of Guise.

Captain Devonport, her father, was enthusiastic in behalf of the South, and being in this country on his bridal trip during the war, having secured a leave of absence from his regiment in England, took command of a Confederate company. He was killed at the battle of Antietam, in Maryland.

His wife never recovered from the shock of his death. The infant daughter was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Roby, formerly of England. When she became of age request was made by members of her family in France that Miss Devonport-Roby make her future home there, and use the title which at the death of her mother became hers by the law of inheritance under which it was held.

She never gave up her title.

She refused to take her mother's relatives in this country, who had raised her, and while still holding her title, did not use it. Some weeks ago she came with her foster-sister, Sister Esther Charlotte, from their home in St. Augustine, Fla., to this city, on account of seriously impaired health. Two weeks ago a serious operation was performed on her, from which, in spite of skilled treatment, she was not strong enough to recover.

The funeral will be held from the Church of the Holy Comforter to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. John H. Dickinson will officiate, and the interment will be made in Hollywood.

Confederate Ancestry.

Captain Devonport having given his life to the Confederacy, and Sister Charlotte being state president of the Florida division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, members of the Richmond chapter and of Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, are requested to meet at the church to attend the services.

LEFT HOSPITAL TO ATTEND WEDDING

Dr. H. B. Sanford Returns to Sick-Bed, Bringing Wedding Cake to Nurses.

Arising from a bed of illness, Dr. H. B. Sanford yesterday attended the wedding of his sister, and then returned, undressing and taking off his evening clothes, to return to the nurses' care.

Dr. Sanford, who is a well-known physician in the city, has been in the Memorial hospital for a few days, but he thought it was absolutely necessary for him to attend the wedding. He arose, put on the evening clothes he had ordered to be sent him from his home, and walked out. At the appointed time he returned, bringing with him a large supply of wedding cake, which was distributed among the corps of nurses.

The nurses placed their morsels of wedding cake under their pillows, of course, to dream of their lovers and future husbands. It remains to be seen to-day what were the results of their dreams. Fable has it that wedding cake beneath one's pillow brings dreams about one's bride or husband, as the case of the dreamer may be, and it is safe to say that there is not a single nurse here who has not married ones there—in the hospital who did not hope to dream last night of the man who should one day be hers. The cake was parcelled around very evenly, and every nurse had a share.

Dr. Sanford seemed solicitous that the girls should have every opportunity of seeing who their husbands should be.

Colored Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

The colored Young Men's Christian Association will hold a "midsummer meeting" for men to-day at 4 P. M. in the True Reformers' Hall. Webster Davis will address the men. Subjects: "Drawing Under the Tree," Joseph Wolcott and Thomas M. Crump will sing.

Real German Beer

In this issue of The Times-Dispatch appears an advertisement of Piel Bros., East New York Brewery, brewers and bottlers of the only real German beer made in America. The general Southern agent, W. F. Seeba, with headquarters at Jacksonville, Fla., is desirous of getting a wholesale liquor dealer in Richmond to handle the bottle beer. The beer is now becoming one of the most popular beers in the South, and it might be well for some one wanting a profitable account to look into the matter at once and write W. F. Seeba, Southern agent, Jacksonville, Fla., for particulars.

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Heart Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

Geniuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

Special Sale of All Odd Dressers

Every Odd Dresser and Washstand has been reduced in price. Some in oak, mahogany and birch maple.

A Nice Oak Dresser for \$12.50—a regular \$15.00 value.
A \$90.00 Mahogany Dresser reduced to \$75.00.
\$12.50 Dressers for \$10.00.

Excelsior Gas Ranges, Perfection Oil Cook Stoves.
A big reduction in Porch Rockers and Refrigerators.

Rothert & Co.

Fourth and Broad Streets.

CARS ENTERED FOR AUTOMOBILE RACES

Official Sanction Given to Speed Contests at Fair Grounds Track.

The automobile races to be held on September 8 in the State Fair Grounds, under the sanction of the American Automobile Association, are expected to be the best from every standpoint ever held in Richmond, on account of the fact that there are a great many more cars in Richmond now than there were even last October, when races were held in connection with the State Fair, and many more high-powered as well as more expensive machines.

The fact also that it is probable that one or more of the Buick team, possibly Lewis Strang, will be here should attract a large crowd. L. M. Foster, of the Foster Motor-Car Company, is in correspondence with the Buick Motor Company, with the idea of having Strang or Robert Burnham brought here. The Ford Agency in this city will enter one or more cars similar to the one which has just won the New York-Seattle endurance contest.

E. J. Ray, who displayed so much skill in driving The Times-Dispatch good roads car, will show what he can do at track racing. It is safe to say that there is not a better all-around driver in the South. Mr. Ray will drive the Chalmers-Detroit and Stevens-Duryea cars for the Gordon Motor Company. B. A. Blenner has not yet made his announcement, but is expected to enter several White steamers, as well as an Oldsmobile. The receipts from the races will go absolutely to the betterment of roads where most needed. The motorcycle race will also be sanctioned by the Federation of American Motorcyclists, and will include several machines used solely for racing purposes sent by the factories for these races. The Virginia State Fair Association has tendered the Fair Grounds to the Richmond Automobile Club free of charge in order to further the cause of good roads.

In the Police Court.

W. P. Leaman, charged with assault on A. A. Yoder, was fined \$10 in Police Court yesterday morning, and both he and Yoder were placed under \$100 security for their good behavior for sixty days. Both gave bond. Mr. Leaman appealed from Squire Graves' decision.

John Plitts, white, charged with assault on J. D. Bolton, was fined \$5 and placed under \$100 bond for sixty days.

Emanuel Taylor, colored, was fined \$10 for cruelly working a horse.

The case of Arthur Warwick, colored, charged with dispensing cocaine without a license prescription, was continued to Tuesday, and he was bailed in the sum of \$300.

THRASHES MAN WHO INSULTED HIM

Police Officer Griffin, in Plain Clothes, Settles His Own Score.

Believing that he had been grossly insulted, and that false reports had been circulated against him, Police Officer W. D. Griffin, who began his term on the force on August 1, early last night, while in plain clothes and off duty, thrashed A. A. Yoder, and then surrendered himself at the First Police Station, where a warrant was served on him. He was bailed in the sum of \$100 for his appearance in Police Court to-morrow morning, Jas. R. Gordon going on his bond.

Major Werner immediately suspended the officer, and he will be tried by the Board of Police Commissioners, whatever may be the result of the trial in Police Court.

According to the allegations made by the officer, Yoder had published articles in a certain periodical which were untrue and insulting. On Friday afternoon, it is claimed, Griffin went to Yoder for an explanation, which the latter is said to have promised. On receiving a disdainful answer, as he claims, to his request for an apology last night, he knocked the man down and gave him a thorough thrashing.

A hurry call was sent in for the police, and the flashlight signal at Seventh and Broad Streets went. In a few minutes two uniformed officers, three plain clothes men, the chief and the captain of the district responded, and every protection was thrown about the man attacked.

ARCHBISHOP KEANE WILL NOT RETIRE

Distinguished Catholic Prelate, Once Bishop of Richmond, Will Continue in Harness.

Friends of Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, in this city were much interested in the statement made some days ago that he was to retire and devote the remainder of his life to study and literary work. Then when the aged prelate announced that he was going to ask for a coadjutor bishop, they were consoled with the thought that his services would not be lost to the Catholic Church. He was for many years the bishop of this diocese, and is widely known in Richmond and Virginia.

At one time Archbishop Keane was assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Washington, and later rector of the Catholic University.

He left St. Patrick's parish in 1878. In that year he was appointed by the Pope Bishop of Richmond, being consecrated by Archbishop Gibbons, assisted by Bishop Kalin, of Wheeling, and Bishop Foley, of Chicago, on August 22, 1878. He was a member of the third plenary council of Baltimore, and served on the committee to establish the Catholic University.

When the Catholic University was founded, Bishop Keane was called to assume the burden of establishing the institution. On September 7, 1888, he was appointed rector of the university, and to his zeal, ability and tireless energy the university owes much progress.

He resigned the office of rector of the university in September, 1896, and some weeks later went to Rome, where, January 8, 1897, he was made titular Archbishop of Damascus, assistant at the pontifical throne, canon of the Lateran, member of a committee of the propaganda, with residence at the Canadian College, Rome. Shortly afterward he was appointed Archbishop of Dubuque.

City Committee Meetings.

The calendar for meetings of the city committees next week is as follows:

Monday—Streets, S. P. M.; Street Cleaning, S. P. M.; Water, S. P. M.; Poor, 6:30 P. M.; City Home, 6:50 P. M.; Light, 8 P. M.

Tuesday—Finance, S. P. M.

Wednesday—Subcommittee on Markets, S. P. M.

Thursday—Grounds and Buildings, S. P. M.

Friday—Ordinance, Charter and Reform, S. P. M.

Will Practice Law.

Harold L. Lowry, of Brooke, Stafford county, son of W. K. Lowry, collector of internal revenue for this collection district, has formed an association with Walcott, Walcott, Jeffreys & Lowry, of Norfolk, for the general practice of his profession. Young Mr. Lowry graduated with high honors at the University of Virginia Law School, and successfully passed the recent bar examination at Wytheville. He will be located permanently in Norfolk.

SPEAKER BYRD IN EASY WINNER

Richmond Delegation, Including Edwin P. Cox, Lines Up for Valley Leader.

NO OPPOSITION EXPECTED

Few of Old House Chairmen Are Returned, Which Necessitates Committee Readjustments.

Present indications are that Richard Evelyn Byrd, of Winchester, will succeed himself as Speaker of the House of Delegates of Virginia next winter without opposition in the ranks of his own party. Edwin P. Cox, of this city, who was the only man mentioned as a possible competitor of Mr. Byrd, after the defeat of Robert E. Withers, of Nansemond, by his home people for reappointment, having committed himself to the incumbent, along with all the nominees from Richmond. Mr. Byrd writes a friend here that he has already enough pledges from men who will probably be in the Democratic caucus to insure his nomination, and that indeed, he does not anticipate that he will have any opposition. In the event he is opposed, his friends throughout the State believe that he will be an easy winner.

Readjustment Necessary.

Apparently, a general readjustment of the committees will be necessary, owing to the failure of so many of the present members to return. Mr. Cox will probably again head the Committee on General Laws, though it is possible that he may get something better. The chairmanship of the Committee for Courts of Justice is left vacant by the defeat of Colonel Eugene C. Massie, of this city. Rew, of Accomac; Edwards, of King William, and Page, of Hanover, are the ranking members on this committee, according to the order in which their names are printed, and it will be up to the Speaker to say who shall win the distinguished honor.

Colonel Bowman will in all probability again be at the head of the Committee on Finance, while Captain Tipson D. Jennings, of Lynchburg, will succeed himself as chairman of the important Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. By the voluntary retirement of Colonel James R. Catton, of Alexandria, a vacancy is left in the chairmanship of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, which carries with it the honor of being the first of the prominent party.

Major H. C. Lowry, of Bedford, is the ranking member of the committee, and next to him is J. M. Lewis, of King and Queen.

Other important committee chairmanships which have been left vacant for one cause or another are: Schools and Colleges, Roads, Asylums and Prisons, Labor and the Poor, Public Property, Agriculture and Mining, Commerce and Federal Relations. Indeed, there will necessarily be a general readjustment of the committees, for there are but three or four of the present chairmen who will be in the new House.

Although, of course, Mr. Byrd will not take up the question of committee assignments until action is had by the caucus of his party, which will be held on the night prior to the convening of the General Assembly next January, it is confidently predicted by many of the ablest judges of Democratic politics in the State that the Valley leader will be an easy winner for the honor he now holds, and that he will, in all probability, have no opposition from either party.

GENERAL TRANSFERS

New Arrangements Go Into Effect This Morning.

General transfers will be given by conductors of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, beginning this morning, in the effort being made by the company to ascertain whether or no a system of general transfers may be operated without causing loss to the company through "lopping" or doubling back to the starting point.

The transfers will be made on the point of intersection of divergences of lines will merely be punched, east, west, north or south, and will be good on any car or any line in the general direction indicated.

The new transfers will replace a complicated system which has caused the traveling public, and has been especially troublesome to strangers in the city, ignorant of the differences between the various lines.

FIRST YEAR SHOWS GREAT PROGRESS

Western Paper's Comment on Results of Des Moines's Experiment in Government.

In view of pending discussion in Richmond of possible changes in the form of city government in the interests of economical administration and efficiency, the following account of the results of the Des Moines experiment will be of interest, although Des Moines is not as large a city as Richmond. The account is taken from a Western paper which has evidently been making a study of the Iowa plan of city government:

"Des Moines is proud of its first year's trial of government by commission. The year began with a debt of \$119,000 and with streets and public works in bad condition. This debt has been converted into a credit balance of \$105,000. This has been accomplished by business methods. Superfluous employees were dismissed and efficient men were put in their places. In the Street Cleaning Department the cost has been cut from \$20,938.33 to \$15,359.14, while the amount and standard of the work secured is far beyond that of the past.

"At the same time the pay of the laborers has been raised from \$1.75 to \$2.25. The same policy of paying well for good work has been followed in all the departments. The tax levy, despite improvements, has been reduced, as have the rates paid for gas and electric light. Honest collection of license fees and interest on city deposits caused a gain of \$50,000. The city is proud of being managed as a business concern."

Our Unparalleled Sale

Of high grade Suits in Light and Medium Weight Worsteds, Cheviots and Cassimeres, still continues. The lateness of the season permits us to offer many of our choicest materials and patterns that formerly sold up to Twenty-five Dollars

At \$11.00 Each

Gans-Rady Company

SUGGESTS NEW VIEW OF ROAD BUILDING AT ITS HEIGHT

Says Each District Should Own Machine, and Not Leave Work to Farmers.

A new and practical view of the good roads movement is given below by A. N. Cocks, of Disputanta. Writing to The Times-Dispatch, he says:

"I am heartily in favor of any practical movement for good roads, but I do not see how it is possible for all sections of the country permanently to improve their roads by availing themselves of the State aid fund under supervision of the State Highway Commission, for the reason that it is too expensive, and requires an outlay of money in such large sums at a time that it is too heavy a burden for the districts. Then the question of available material for permanent construction of roads is one that cannot be successfully solved by many districts, as is the case in my county.

"I am disgusted with our present system (or rather lack of system) of having the work done by farmers; not that I object to the farmers doing the work, but to have a farmer work a piece of road means that it must be done at a time that he cannot be working his crop, and is therefore a loss to the farmer. The road should not be worked as much care and consideration as a corn crop. If it is too wet to work the road, if it is too dry to work the road, it is too dry for the farmer to work the road with his team and implements, for he is not equipped with such as are required for successful dry-weather road-working. Until he has finished his crop means it is then too late in the season to work the road. Therefore what he does it more by an expensive experiment.

"I am heartily in favor of each district owning its road-working outfit, consisting of four good mules, wheel scoop, plow, wagon, hoes, picks, axes, tents and grader. A man of sufficient intelligence to keep the time made by hands and to do the work as instructed by the supervisor, and then keep a force on the road at work, and the supervisor can then supervise, which is impossible for him to do with fifteen or twenty farmers working each in a different place and doing from two to five days' work at a time.

"As long as our rural districts are so thinly settled it is absolutely preposterous to talk of permanent improvement of roads, the expense of which must be borne by the taxpayers. Our board of supervisors has been advised that a sand and gravel road, twelve feet wide, through a portion of this county, would cost approximately \$1,740 per mile. I believe, with the team and implements owned by the county and worked as above, I could repair and put in as good condition the roads of my district for \$200 per mile, including every possible item of expense from the laborers to interest on the money invested in teams and machinery, and have them as permanently improved as would be the one costing \$1,740, as mentioned above."

Many Tourists Booked for European, Lake and Coast-wise Points.

Summer travel is just now at its height, more people probably planning to be out of town this week than any in the summer. In another ten days the tide will have turned, and the streets will be filled with wagonloads of trunks, marking the returning tourist.

S. H. Bowman hooked the following Richmonders during the past week for European, Great Lakes and coastwise points:

For Foreign Ports.

Rev. Landon R. Mason, Miss Lucy R. Mason, steamship Merlon; John Donnan, Mrs. John Donnan, J. W. Heddel, Mrs. G. W. Heddel, steamship Baltic; Paul Valdrighi, steamship Duca Delgli Abruzzi.

For the Great Lakes.

Steamship Northwest—W. H. Schwarzhild, Mrs. W. H. Schwarzhild, child.

For Coastwise Ports.

Steamship Powhatan—W. T. Reed, Mrs. W. T. Reed, W. B. Reed, E. C. Laird, Mrs. E. C. Laird and maid, Miss Laird, E. C. Laird, Jr., G. W. Libby, Mrs. G. W. Libby, G. M. Caruthers.

Steamship Nantuxet—Rev. C. Braxton Bryan, Mrs. C. Braxton Bryan, C. T. Norman, Mrs. C. T. Norman, Miss Fauda Tenner, W. S. Robertson, Mrs. W. S. Robertson.

Steamship Dorchester—J. L. Satterfield, R. W. Walker, S. T. White, F. D. Barksdale, Mrs. F. D. Barksdale.

Steamship Ontario—L. B. Stalnacke, Mrs. L. B. Stalnacke.

Steamship Monroe—Mrs. John Teehey, Miss Mary Teehey, W. R. Smythe, Steamship Hamilton—J. T. Carneal, Mrs. J. T. Carneal, R. W. Davis, I. S. Boyles, Mrs. I. S. Boyles, Carl Boyles, Lou Boyles.

Steamship Jefferson—R. A. Sheppard, R. M. Woody, Mrs. R. M. Woody, W. D. Blanks, Braxton Woody, J. D. Crump, Mrs. J. D. Crump, Miss Lola Crump, C. H. Dunaway, Mrs. C. H. Dunaway.

STEREOPTICON LECTURE.

"Christ Before Herod" Topic of Illustrated Address at Auditorium.

The free stereopticon Bible lectures, given every Sunday night at the City Auditorium, are proving one of the most successful undertakings of the kind in this city.

To-night at 8:15 o'clock Rev. John Hollowell Dickinson will give the next lecture in the series—"Christ Before Herod." During the evening Mrs. Thomas, of Washington, D. C., an artist with an unusually fine voice, will render "The Holy City," with appropriate pictures to illustrate the words.

Two Damage Suits.

Two damage suits were instituted yesterday in the Law and Equity Court. Luther H. Williams brought action against the Richmond Pattern and Stencil Works for the sum of \$10,000. Finley K. McLennon sues the Richmond Traction Company et al. for \$5,000.

RACING SCHEDULE WILL ATTRACT

Fair Association Has Appropriated \$14,000 to Secure Good Sport.

The schedule of horse races for the Virginia State Fair has been submitted by Manager Mark R. Lloyd to the racing committee for approval, and it will no doubt be adopted. This means that within a few days the list will be published and entry blanks sent to horsemen throughout the country.

There will be thirty-five races all told, including trotting, pacing, running and steeplechases, distributed over five days. The sum appropriated for the purses aggregates nearly \$14,000, over half of which is apportioned to the harness classes.

Athletic Events.

The athletic events to be held on Saturday, October 2, the last day of the fair, will be conducted under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union, and all entrants will have to be registered in accordance with the regulations of that association, professionals, of course, being barred.

Nearly all the local institutions possessing gymnasiums will be represented in the events, including the several military organizations, the Young Men's Christian Association and Richmond College. The Marathon race, which is still hanging fire, will probably be out down to twenty or fewer miles, in order that a sufficient number of runners may measure up to it.

Automobile Races.

The automobile races have not been fully decided upon, but efforts will be made to induce some of the cup-winning racers to compete.

BELL COMPANY TO ADVANCE RATES

Corporation Commission Makes Concessions to Telephone People.

The Corporation Commission made an order to-day allowing the Southern Bell Telephone Company to increase its local exchange rates in Wilmington, so that unlimited duplex business service shall be \$3.50, instead of \$3; unlimited residence service, \$3, instead of \$2.50; residence special lines, \$2.50, instead of \$2; and unlimited residence duplex lines, \$2.50, instead of \$2. The advances are in accordance with a petition of the Bell Company, which was at first opposed by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the objections being subsequently withdrawn by the chamber, but insisted upon by a number of independent citizens.

The commission makes a similar order in a petition by the Bell Company for the Asheville exchange. There was no opposition on the part of citizens of Asheville to the advance. These rates are in line with those in force in Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh and others of the larger cities of the State.

Removed to Her Home.

Margaret, the infant daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. W. C. Gilliam, who has been at the Retreat for the Sick for the past two weeks, is not expected to recover. She was removed to her home at Bedford yesterday.

SHOW MOUNTAIN OF VIRGINIA APPLES

Horticultural Society Will Aid State Fair by Large Exhibit.

INTEREST IN CORN PRIZE

Many Inquiries for Terms of Entry Into Great Contest.

Plans for the Virginia State Fair, to be held October 4 to 9, are rapidly being consummated, and within the next week or two all will be completed, leaving only the minor details to be worked out. Not satisfied with the already long list of exhibits and attractions, the management is constantly striving to add to them in order to fulfill its promise to the people of the city and State that the coming exhibition will be one of the best in the country.

To Have a Dog Show.

The latest proposition embodies a kennel show, and if successful it will be continued each year as a permanent class in the live stock department. The show this year will be limited to the hunting class, and prizes will be offered for the following four breeds: Pointers, setters, beagle hounds and collies.

It is not thought practicable at this time to include the many other breeds of dogs.

A Mountain of Apples.

The Virginia State Horticultural Society has reserved a space of \$900 for a mammoth display of apples. The exhibit will be in charge of H. C. Wysser, of Dublin, who has written to Manager Mark R. Lloyd, stating that the display will be for exhibition purposes only, and will not be entered for competition, as the society does not wish to compete with the farmers and reduce their chances of winning prizes.

It will require many enormous boxes and barrels to transport this display, and it will almost fill one of the exhibition buildings. All the principal varieties will be represented, including the famous Albemarle Pippin, Ben Davis, Virginia Beauty, York Imperial, Grimes' Golden, Northern Spy and Winesap.

Other Fruit Exhibits.

Other fruits will also be exhibited by the State Horticultural Society. Plums, peaches, quinces, pears, apricots and grapes will be piled high on all sides, forming one of the prettiest parts of the exposition. Some of the fruit has already been placed in storage by the society, preparatory to being shipped to the Fair Grounds.

The farmers throughout the State are preparing to harvest a large fruit crop, and there will be many other attractive displays made by them at the coming fair. Any one who has studied the premium list can understand why the interest in this department has doubled that of former years. All the important classes are represented, and liberal premiums are offered. Experts and judges have been engaged to pass upon the fruit, and all that can be done is being done to make this branch of the exhibition a success.

"King Corn Special."

The corn contest will surpass all expectations, and the amount of distributed prizes is gradually increasing. The object of the contest—to make the corn grown in Virginia superior to the product of any other State in the East, and thus provide a new field of endeavor for the Virginia farmer—is a worthy one and deserving of success.

There has been some misunderstanding in regard to the contest, and the management has decided to discontinue the impression under which some growers are laboring that a man growing a few stalks of corn in a city backyard or country garden stands as much chance of winning the prizes as the large grower, busily engaged in the production of corn. This conclusion was arrived at after much discussion when the contest was inaugurated. It was shown at that time by information and advice obtained from leading authorities that the prizes for the corn contest were obtained in this manner.

Few farmers are capable of distinguishing a perfect ear of corn, many points being involved, which require a long study of the subject. For this reason the man growing corn in a backyard would have little chance in a competition with veteran growers. The merits of the exhibits will be passed upon by a competent judge, brought from some Western city, where corn exhibitions are held frequently, and he will, of course, take into consideration the difference of conditions in growing corn in Virginia.

MYSTIC SHRINERS AT LURAY

Unique and Weird Initiation in One of the Caverns.

Nearly one hundred members of the Mystic Shriners left here yesterday morning on a special car on the Chesapeake and Ohio for Luray Caverns. There a goodly number of novices will tread the fiery desert of initiation.

Between Richmond and Luray, a mile more than 100 more Shriners joined the party, and at Basic City a special sleeper with seventy-five of the faith from Hot Springs, Clinton Forge and other points was added.

At 3 o'clock yesterday the party arrived at Luray. The novices were immediately taken to the caverns and taken in, and then there was a banquet in the largest cavern. The party returns to Richmond this morning, and initiation ever held in this country.

Held Another Policy Shop.

Daly Minims (colored) was arrested yesterday by Detective Wiley and Police Officer Wills on a charge of operating a policy shop at 315 Market Street. This is said to be the last policy shop in the city, and the man who is said to have backed it—a negro—has gone out of the business. The police, therefore, except to have no more trouble with policy in Richmond.

THE Shaw

Is sold by its maker, Chas. M. Shaw.